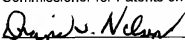


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### **AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Dear Sir:

This paper constitutes a as required by 37 CFR 1.114, Request for Continued Examination. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the finality of the Office Action dated January 8, 2007 be withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. In response to the Office Action of January 8, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.